

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Exchanges

Pender Times: E. J. Smith was over from Homer, Wednesday.

Ponca Advocate: Edward Ebel departed for his home at Dakota City Tuesday, after a three weeks' visit here with his uncle, F. J. Harder.

Oakland Independent: G. W. Hays, for some time operator at the Burlington station, yesterday loaded his household goods preparatory to moving to Waterbury, where he will hold the position of station agent.

Wynot Tribune: Miss Irene McCormick, who is attending Wayne normal, arrived at home last night for a few days vacation. She was accompanied by Miss Mildred Woodruff, of Sioux City, a senior student at Wayne, who visited here until today.

Fonda, Iowa, Times: Will Dougherty was called to South Sioux City, Nebraska Friday by the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Dan Dougherty, which occurred very suddenly. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her husband, three sons, the youngest being ten days old.

Walthill Citizen: George Lamson went to Sioux City Saturday and returned Sunday. Mrs. E. J. Mett and Mrs. R. J. McBride, of South Sioux City were in town Monday and Tuesday visiting at the Mason home. They also attended the organization of the new Rebekah lodge, returning home Tuesday evening.

Tekamah Herald: The Nebraska legislature is in a deadlock, the senate is sopping wet by a safe majority while the house is bone dry by a good majority. The chance is good for adjournment without any law to enforce the amendment. The Herald is pleased to note that our senator Haase has made a splendid record.

Ponca Journal: H. Brewer went to Willis Wednesday. E. F. Rasmussen was in Jackson on business Wednesday. Mrs. Chappel has bought the residence property formerly owned by John Clary. The property was purchased from John Hurley and is located on Third street in the west part of town. Wm. Lenox, who occupies the residence, will move to the Cook residence on Fourth street.

Wakefield Republican: Robert Caulk and wife moved back to Allen yesterday. During their few months residence here they have made many friends who regret to see them go. As Dr. Henton affiliates with the other party, he declined the nomination for village trustee by the Citizens party. George Kohlmeier was drafted in his place. Two strong

tickets are up. This is as it should be. Voters will have a real choice at the polls. In addition to the personality of its candidates, the Civic Enterprise party has a very definite platform for the guidance of voters, while it is more or less a matter of speculation as to what the Citizens party stands for.

Lyons Sun: Word has been received here by relatives of the marriage at New York City on Sunday, March 4th, of Miss Ruth Elizabeth Shumway daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Shumway of Wakefield, and Mr. Jerome B. Burnett. Miss Shumway had been at Chicago for some time training for a nurse and the wedding came as a surprise to folks here. Mr. Burnett made a business trip to South America and during his absence his bride returned to the home of her parents at Wakefield where she will remain until her husband returns to this country. The congratulations of friends here are extended to these young folks with the wishes for a long and happy wedded life. We have not learned where they will make their future home.

Sioux City Journal, 2nd: The funeral of Mrs. George Zentmire was held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday from the Methodist Episcopal church at Homer, Neb. Burial was in Potter cemetery. Clyde Lake, 27 years old, a farmer living six miles west of Homer, Neb., was arrested early yesterday morning by Sheriff George Cain, of Dakota City. Chief A. L. Mathwig, of South Sioux City, and Detective James Britton and Gus Danielson, and was brought to Sioux City. Lake is being held in connection with the theft of an automobile belonging to Dr. J. P. Dougherty, 1415 West Seventh street. The car was stolen from the residence on the night of March 28. A charge of grand larceny will be placed against Lake this morning.

Lake recently finished serving a term of thirty days in jail on a charge of disturbing the peace which grew out of an assault on Attorney Willbur Owen.

Emerson Enterprise: The Enterprise unintentionally failed to report the arrival of a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knox on March 18. The girls club met with Miss Floy Poole last Saturday night and christened the organization the Chatter club. The members are making big plans for a good time the coming season, an outing at Crystal lake being one of the things to be undertaken. The next meeting will be two weeks hence at the home of Miss Mary Doyle. M. S. Nelson of Ponca, deputy sheriff for Dixon county, came down Monday and arrested Chas. Elsinger on a forgery charge. Elsinger passed a check with Chris. Harrigfeldt's name signed to it. He asserts that a newcomer living near Nacora by that name gave the check to him and that he supposed it to be genuine. As far as can be found only the one Chris. Harrigfeldt can be found in this vicinity and the check was not his. Mendes Roe cashed the check for

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Sioux City Journal, 29: William O'Neill, of Jackson, Neb., who recently underwent an operation at St. Vincent's hospital, is expected to be able to return home today. Harold Bergquist, 23 years old, an employe of Great Northern railroad bridge repair gang, was drowned yesterday forenoon in the Floyd river at the Leech avenue bridge of the Sioux City Terminal railway while engaged at repair work made necessary by the recent Floyd river flood. When a piling upon which Bergquist was sawing gave way, his platform sprang and he was thrown into the river. He swam about forty feet on his back, then sank. One of his comrades of the bridge gang, John Williams, of South Sioux City, doffed his coat and leaped in after him, but failed to reach him in time. The body was recovered thirty minutes after Patrolmen J. P. Farley and M. E. Farley, with the aid of A. L. Zillar started to drag the river. It was found lodged in the mud beneath the Leech avenue bridge. The lung motor from No. 1 fire station was used vainly for forty-five minutes. The body had been in the water an hour and eighteen minutes. Bergquist was taken to the Westcott undertaking establishment. Bergquist, as a member of the bridge gang, lived in the house cars under the supervision of Foreman George Robertson, 610 Sixth street. He came to America from Sweden about three years ago.

Sioux City Journal, 30: Born—in Sioux City, Ia., Thursday, March 29, 1917, at Maternity hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hicks, of South Sioux City, Neb., a son. Rev. H. English, of Hubbard, Neb., is critically ill at St. Joseph's hospital. He is suffering from a complication of diseases which grew from an attack of grip. Dakota county, Neb., authorities are seeking two roughly dressed men who Wednesday night held Joseph Gregg and his family, near Homer, at revolver points while they took \$14 in money from Gregg's pockets. The men entered the house about 11 o'clock, just as the farmer and his family were preparing to go to bed. After robbing Gregg they threatened to kill him if he made any attempt to spread the alarm by leaving the house. Gregg has no telephone in his house. In reporting the robbery to Sheriff George Cain, of Dakota City, yesterday Gregg said the robbers made no effort to search the house for valuables, and that the family was not molested. The men were unusually large and of about the same proportions, according to Gregg. He said each man is about 6 feet in height and weighs about 200 pounds. About two weeks' growth of whiskers hid their features, he said. Harry E. Shoberg and Dr. J. E. DeWalt, of Sioux City, probably will be requested to appear as witnesses in the trial of Elbert W. Blacett, who is being held at Santa Fe, N. M., on a charge of murdering Clyde D. Armour. The case will come to trial shortly after April 5, according to Roy Armour, of Hubbard, Neb. That Blacett will be indicted by the grand jury, which convenes April 5, is regarded as a certainty by Melvin Dunlavy, the Armour's attorney at Santa Fe. Roy Armour has been notified to come to Santa Fe by April 5 in order to appear as a witness. Shoberg probably will be asked to go to Santa Fe to identify the automobile which he sold to Clyde Armour. The car is now at Albuquerque, N. M. It will be brought to Santa Fe as evidence, according to District Attorney Crist, of Santa Fe. Dr. DeWalt's connection with the case

comes through the dentist's charts of Clyde's mouth, which were used in the identification of Armour's body when that was found near Glorieta, N. M., in a decayed condition. The charts will be used in the trial. Both Roy and Glenn Armour will go to Santa Fe, it is thought. Roy Armour was told to notify his sister, Mrs. May Herbenson, of Minot, N. D., that the trial would be called shortly after April 5. Mrs. Herbenson probably will go to Santa Fe with her brothers.

Sioux City Journal, 31: Died—in Sioux City, Ia., Friday, March 30, 1917, Mrs. George Zentmire, 26 years old, of Logan Park, in a hospital, after an operation. She is survived by her husband and one son, aged 1 week; two half sisters, Mrs. Claud Heikes, of Dakota City, Neb., and Miss Grace Nixon, of Sioux City; two half brothers, Melroy Nixon and Lawrence Nixon, of Sioux City, and a stepmother, Mrs. A. M. Nixon, of Sioux City. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist Episcopal church at Homer, Neb. The services will be conducted by Rev. C. Keckler. Burial will be in the Potter cemetery. With arrest of Owen ("Hans") Christiansen, of Sergeant Bluffs, and with the recovery of more than a ton of copper wire by Detective Amos Curtis, the mystery connected with the theft of over 3,500 pounds of wire from the McGraw company, 515 Fifth street, near Salix, Ia., in December, 1915, has been solved, according to the police. Curtis, with the aid of Chief Al Mathwig, of South Sioux City, discovered the wire buried several feet under the barn on the property of Christiansen, located on the Missouri river bottoms over five miles southwest of Sergeant Bluffs. It required four horses to pull the wire from the place in which it had rested for nearly two years. Christiansen was arrested in Sioux City at Fourth and Douglas streets. The wire which was recovered is valued at more than \$838 by Max McGraw, president of the McGraw Supply company. The circumstances connected with the theft of the wire baffled forces sent out by the sheriff and of several Pinkerton men who were hired to work on the case by the McGraw company. The wire was being strung from Salix to Sergeant Bluffs in December, 1915. The men had gone about a mile west of Salix. At night the wire was left in a farm yard outside of Salix. It was stolen during the night. Wagon tracks were traced to the home of Christiansen, but the wire could not be found. As Christiansen's house was over two miles from the nearest habitation, and as it was on made land near the river bank, very few persons visited him. It was not until a short time ago that "Hans" was suspected of being connected with the deal. During the winter months Christiansen moved his house from the land and came to Sioux City. It is thought that most of the wire which is missing was disposed of shortly after it was stolen. Curtis and Mathwig found the wire buried under one corner of the barn which has remained standing. The wire had been removed from the spools and had been coiled into twenty-six bundles. Christiansen is being held at police headquarters for investigation. No definite charge has been filed against him, although it is probable that he will be charged with grand larceny.

Sioux City Journal, 3rd: E. W. Nordyke, 319 West Fifth street, while driving an automobile at West Sixth and Bluff street last evening

struck Samuel Swinford, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Swinford, 1702 West Fifteenth street. The boy was slightly injured. The accident was reported to the police by Nordyke. Clyde Lake, a farmer living near Homer, Neb., who was arrested Sunday morning in connection with the theft of the automobile owned by Dr. J. P. Dougherty, 1415 West Seventh street, waived preliminary hearing before Police Judge Iddings, and was bound over to the grand jury. He is charged with grand larceny. A bond was fixed at \$1,500. The trial of Elbert W. Blacett, who is being held in the state penitentiary at Santa Fe, N. M., charged with the murder of Clyde D. Armour, of Sioux City, has been set for April 12, according to a message received by Roy Armour, of Hubbard, Neb., a brother of the murdered man. The case will be brought before the grand jury which has convened at Santa Fe, but it is a certainty that an indictment will be returned against the accused man. A large number of witnesses will appear before the jury, it is stated, who will identify Blacett as the man who drove into Santa Fe on the afternoon of the murder with Armour's car and was the man who impersonated Clyde. It is thought that the defense will base their case on the question of mistaken identity. So far Blacett has denied ever being in Santa Fe or Albuquerque. He will not recognize any of the witnesses who have been obtained by the state, it is said. Roy Armour probably will leave next week for Santa Fe. He will meet his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Armour, and his sister, who have been living at Fresno, Cal., since the time of the murder. Harry Shoberg, who sold Clyde Armour the car in which he made his cross country journey, has decided to make the trip to New Mexico, it was stated yesterday. He will identify the car, which is now at Santa Fe. Tension of the guard at the Omaha railroad bridge over the Missouri river tightened last night and preparations for a permanent camp are being made as a result of the outlook for a state of war being declared in existence between the United States and Germany following President Wilson's message. While the guard at the bridge has not been increased in numbers, the vigilance of the men doing sentry duty has increased as the prospect for probable unfriendly action grows. Running water is to be piped into camp in a few days, according to Capt. J. H. Pile, commander of Company E, Fourth Nebraska regiment, on guard at the bridge. Thomas Dealtry, president of the Sioux City Live Stock Exchange, yesterday conferred with Capt. Pile relative to a water extension to the camp site. Mr. Dealtry said he will take steps toward having water brought to the camp. A distance of less than 100 yards separates the camp with a water main. "All our efforts for several weeks," Capt. Pile said, "will be directed toward getting the camp perfected, fully equipping the recruits and instructing them in military fundamentals and guarding the bridge. It will be some time before we will be able to give exhibition

drills for Sunday or holiday visitors. To increase the efficiency of the bridge guard and lessen probable dangers, houseboats moored to the river bank in the vicinity of the bridge have been ordered removed and not one is left. Yesterday I traversed the entire bank of the river from the combination bridge to the high bridge and looked over all the craft. F. L. Eaton, acting in the interest of the Combination bridge company, conferred with me yesterday. We have no orders for guarding the combination bridge but, such action likely will be taken in the event of hostilities with a foreign country. In fact, every bridge of size or importance will be guarded." A new silk flag was presented to Company E, of the Fourth Nebraska regiment, by three Sioux City young women Sunday night. The ceremonies were performed shortly after sunset, when most of the Sunday visitors had departed. A detachment of soldiers obtained a ten feet sapling, planted it at the head of the company street and the flag was nailed to the top. It is suggested that the only way to lower the flag at sunset will be to dig up the tree each night. Five recruits reported Sunday night for duty. This makes the twenty-sixth man who has been added to the company since its arrival at the new camp. Several more men are expected during the next week. Sergeant George Church, who has been stationed at Meadow Grove, Neb., obtaining recruits, is expected to return to the company some time this week. It is expected that he will bring a number of new men with him.

Looking Backward.

Sioux City Journal, March 24, 1897: W. T. Bartlett and W. Reninger, sr., of Jackson, and J. P. Twohig and C. C. Smiley, of South Sioux City, left last night for Lincoln to join the friends who are working for the passage of the bill providing for the appropriation of \$50,000 for the normal school at South Sioux City. When Mr. Bartlett was asked as to the probable outcome of the bill he said there was a very good prospect of it becoming law. It is receiving the enthusiastic support of all the influential men in northeastern Nebraska.

Dakota City Mail, April 1, 1877: The persons who attended church in Sioux City last week from this side of the river are under many obligations to Col. Sawyer for his kindness in running the ferry boat after the evening service. The colonel's heart is as large and well developed as his frame, and no man will do more for the accommodation of his friends than he.

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